दूध की आपूर्ति की जा रही है।

**Central Assistance to Drought Affected State**

671. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of AG RICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the drought situation in certain parts of the country has been so grave that the parents particularly in Orissa had to sell their children or to give them in bondage to save them from starvation deaths;

(b) if so, what is the number of such cases ;

(c) whether any central team has visited the drought affected states in the country ;

(d) if so, what are the findings and recommendations of the Central team ;

(e) what is the quantum of the central assistance given to drought affected states, State-wise ; and

(f) whether any review of the relief programme taken up by the State Governments has been made and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NET AM) : (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Measures to contain losses of Delhi Milk Scheme**

672. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as alleged Delhi Milk Scheme is riddled with bungling, mismanagement and corruption ;

(b) if so, what is the accumulated loss suffered by DMS till date;
and

(c) whether any critical analysis of the working of the DMS has been made by Government, if so, what are the details thereof and the measures taken by Government to improve its working to mininvse losses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NE-
TAM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The accumulated loss .of Delhi Milk Scheme from its incep tion in November, 1959 till date are Rs. 226-72 cror;s as assessed on provisional basis. The losses are mainly due to the fixation of sale price of milk lower than the cost of production, in order to fulfil its avowed policy to provide remunera tive market to the producers of-milk on one hand and to make available the quality milk at reaso nable rates to the citizens of Delhi/ New Delhi on the other hand.

(c) The Staff Inspection Unit of the Ministry of Finance (Depart ment of Expenditure), conducted a study of the staff strength in Delhi Milk Scheme. As a result of the recommendations the staff strength of DMS has been reduced by about 21 % whereas its installed capacity has been increased from 3.75 lakh litres per day to 5.00 lakh litres per day. Various steps have been taken by DMS to reduce the losses by better utilisation of installed capacity effecting economies in the con sumption of various utilities/con sumables like polythene film, petrol, etc. rationalisation of distribution routes and revision of sale price of milk from time to time.

**पशु पालन के संबंध में कार्यकारी दल की सिफारिश**

673. श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना-वधि के लिए पशु पालन और डेयरी उद्योग के संबंध में गठित कार्यकारी दल ने यह